

## Polk County Public Schools Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement



District and School-based Title I Parent and Family Engagement Programs in Polk County will strive to **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS** to create **real** family engagement for **every** child, **every** family, **every** teacher, **every** day.

## What is Parent Involvement?

Parent involvement means the **participation of parents** in regular, two-way meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities about their child's education.

Engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. Education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family throughout the student's school career in our district.

Polk County Schools will foster and support active parent involvement so that schools and parents work together as partners in educating children.

### Public Law 107-110 requires that all Title I schools

- 1) Sponsor an annual meeting for parents to inform them of the Title I law and how it supports their child's education.
- 2) Involve parents in developing and/or writing and revising the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) and School-Parent-Compact.
- 3) Provide training and workshops to build capacity with parents and staff to raise student achievement and encourage active participation of parents in their child's education.
- 4) Utilize a percentage of their school's Title I allocation to support a parent involvement program. The School Advisory Council provides input in determining how the Title I funds are used.

### Steps to a Successful Title I program

- 1) In order to raise **student achievement** and provide **effective instruction**
  - A) **A comprehensive needs assessment** reveals what is needed for all students to meet educational standards.
  - B) **Planning** is done to decide how to best meet the needs shown in the assessment.
  - C) **Support and resources** that will best meet the needs of all students who are identified.
  - D) **Ongoing reviews and evaluations** are done to see if there has been improvement and to make changes as needed.
- 2) **Professional development** is provided for teachers to receive training for helping students with specific learning needs.
- 3) **Ongoing parent engagement** through communication, academic events, and other school activities is provided to parents. Schools make available to all parents and the local community the Parent Involvement Plan and Summary Brochure. Parents are included in the school and district Title I decisions and the evaluation.

## Activities to Build Capacity

The District provides the Title I schools with information, resources and activities to assist in educating their staff to work cooperatively with parents to promote engagement of families in their child's education and increase student achievement. These may include: creating family friendly schools, using technology, communicating effectively with parents, providing tips for parent conferencing, and other topics of interest.

Your school will host academic workshops for parents with flexible dates and times and provide materials and resources in multiple languages. Workshops are based on school/parent needs and should provide a variety of materials and tools to help parents help their child. Schools strive to address barriers by providing meals, transportation, childcare, and translation for the workshops to encourage parent attendance at the workshops.

School websites provide information to parents and a link to the District's website. The school's website will also include information about parent workshops, the parent involvement plan and the school improvement plan.



## Ways that you can be involved!

- Attend the Title I Annual Parent Meeting to learn about the Title I Program at your school.
- Attend open house, orientation, and other programs offered at your school.
- Meet with your child's teacher and communicate on an ongoing basis about your child's progress. Attend parent teacher conferences.
- Read the school Parent Involvement Plan and sign the School-Parent Compact. The Compact outlines expectations for the school, parent, and child.
- Join the SAC, PTA/PTO, or other organizations at your school. Take advantage of opportunities to volunteer at your school.
- Volunteer at your child's school.
- Make suggestions and complete parent surveys to help us improve.

## District Parent Advisory Teams (D-PAT)

The D-PAT meets twice each school year (spring/fall) to review, rewrite and/or revise the information in the District Parent Involvement Plan and this brochure summary. The fall meeting is held in the District Title I training room.

In the spring, the D-PAT holds five regional meetings in Polk County. The school Title I parent involvement contact person at each Title I school is invited to attend along with a team of parents from their school. Please check with the Title I office or your child's school to confirm date and location as the date approaches.

Any parent of a child who attends a Title I school is welcome to be on the D-PAT. If you are interested in being a member please contact the principal or the Title I parent involvement contact at your school.

You may also contact the Title I office @ 534-0777. Your input is very important to us!

## What is Title I ?

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title I is part of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. In December 2001, President Bush signed into law the "No Child Left Behind Act".

The goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through;

- effective instruction,
- professional development, and
- parent involvement.

Title I funds are supplemental and may be used to:

- add highly qualified teachers and support staff.
- support parent and community involvement efforts.
- provide resources that encourage and support parents in becoming partners in their child's education.
- provide staff development.
- purchase additional instructional materials and supplies.



## Coordination with other Federal Programs

Title I coordinates efforts with many other Federal Programs to meet the needs of our students and families. These include Title I Part C (Migrant), Title III (English language learners), Title IX (Homeless), Title II (improving teacher quality), and FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic & Resources System), and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten.

We partner with other Federal programs and community non-profit organizations to host district wide Parent University events.

## Title 1 Books Bridge Buses

The Books Bridge Bus provides parents and students three computers with internet and printing, Parent Portal, online subscriptions, free books with lessons, and iPad classes. The Books Bridge Bus has a weekly schedule visiting the parent centers and a neighborhood near you.

Please visit our website for a list of dates, times, and locations or call @ 863-647-4714.

## Title I/VPK Program

The preschool programs and Title I have partnered to provide a full-day PreK program at 16 Title I school sites in Polk County. Each Pre-K classroom serves 18 four year old children and is staffed with a certified teacher and a CDA (Child Development Associate).

There is no cost to parents and the program enrolls children zoned for the Title I school. To apply, contact Polk's Preschool Program office at 863-648-3051 or visit the PCSB website for additional information.



**The Mission of Polk County Public Schools is to provide a high quality education for all students.**

## Parent Informational Resource Centers



Each parent center is located on the campus of a Title I School. Every parent with a student in a Title I school is encouraged to visit and participate in the center closest to their home.

**The parent centers are located on a school campus.**

School locations are;  
 Frost proof Elementary 863-635-8600  
 Sleepy Hill Elementary 863-815-6787  
 Combee Elementary 863-668-3035  
 Garner Elementary 863-965-5488  
 Mulberry Middle School 863-425-9288

### The centers are open

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Centers on Elementary Campus)  
 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Center on a Middle School Campus)

Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM  
 or 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM (For Evening Classes)

### Here are a few things the centers offer

- Informational brochures and pamphlets on a variety of topics
- Information on local community resources, including ACCESS
- Materials to check out and use at home with your child.
- Parent Resource Library
- ACT/SAT Test Prep materials
- GED study guides and adult school information
- Visits from the Books Bridge Bus
- Learn English with Rosetta Stone
- Computers for parent use
- Bilingual materials
- Monthly family game night or family craft night
- Coffee and Conversation for parents offered on the first and third Friday of each month at each center
- FREE homework help for students K-8th grade on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 PM
- FREE Parent Workshops on a variety of topics

Please visit the parent center closest to your school and check out what is offered.

Visit our website @ [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) to see a monthly calendar of events for each center.

### Parent Center Website

[www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm)

### Parent University Website

[www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plug.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plug.htm)



## In 2016-2017 the following schools qualify for Title I services.

58 Elementary Schools		*Charter Schools
17 Middle Schools		**New Title I School
10 High Schools		
7 ESE or Combination Schools		Total 92 Schools
Elem. Schools (K-5)		
Alta Vista Elem.	Frostproof Elem.	Oscar J. Pope Elem.
Alturas Elem.	Garden Grove Elem.	Padgett Elem.
Auburdale Central	Garner Elem.	Palmetto Elem.
Ben Hill Griffin Jr.	Gibbons Street Elem.	Philip O'Brien Elem.
**Bethune Academy	Griffin Elem.	Pinewood Elem.
Boswell Elem.	**Highland City Elem.	Polk City Elem.
Caldwell Elem.	Horizons Elem.	Purcell Elem.
**Carlton Palmore Elem.	Inwood Elem.	R. Bruce Wagner
**Chain Of Lakes Elem.	Jesse Keen Elem.	Sandhill Elem.
Churchwell Elem.	Kathleen Elem.	**Scott Lake Elem.
**Cleveland Court	Kingsford Elem.	Sleepy Hill Elem.
Combee Elem.	Lake Alfred Elem.	Snively Elem.
Crystal Lake Elem.	Lake Shipp Elem.	Socrum Elem.
Dixieland Elem.	Laurel Elem.	Southwest Elem.
Dr. N.E.Roberts Elem.	Lena Vista Elem.	**Spessard L. Holland
Dundee Elem Academy	Lewis Anna Woodbury	Spook Hill Elem.
Eagle Lake Elem.	Loughman Oaks Elem.	Stephens Elem.
Eastside Elem.	Medulla Elem.	Wahneta Elem.
Elbert Elem.	North Lakeland Elem.	Winston Academy
Floral Avenue Elem.		
Middle Schools (6-8)		
Bartow MS	Dundee Ridge Academy	Mulberry MS
Boone MS	Kathleen MS	Sleepy Hill MS
*Compass Middle Charter	Lake Alfred Addair	Southwest MS
Crystal Lake MS	Lake Gibson MS	Stambaugh MS
Denison MS	Lake Marion Creek	Westwood MS
*Discovery Academy	McLaughlin Academy	
High Schools (9-12)		
Fort Meade Middle-Senior	**Lake Region High	**Polk Acceleration Academy
Frostproof Middle-Senior	Mulberry High School	Tenoroc High School
Haines City High School	*New Beginnings	**Winter Haven Senior High
Kathleen High School		
Combination Grade Schools		
**Citrus Ridge Academy	R.E.A.L Academy	Roosevelt Academy
Doris A. Sanders	**Rochelle School of the Arts	Blake Academy
*Our Children's Academy		

## PARENT UNIVERSITY

All families with a child in a Polk County Public School are invited to attend.  
 FREE transportation, lunch, classes, and vendors.  
 Visit [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) for more information!



## Polk County Public Schools

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 2016-2017



## Parent Involvement Plan Summary

Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read this Parent Involvement Plan Summary. The complete District Title I Parent Involvement Plan is available at [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net), on your child's school website, and in the Parent/Family Informational Notebook that is located in the front office of your child's school.

You will also receive a School Parent Involvement Plan Summary and School-Parent Compact. The complete Parent Involvement Plan for your child's school will be on the school's website and in the school's Title I Parent and Family Informational Notebook located in the front office.

If you are interested in being on the committee to review and evaluate the District Parent Involvement Plan and make suggestions for the 2017-2018 plan, please contact the Parent Involvement Coordinator at the Title I office.

Thank you,

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